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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, GY

SUBJECT: FONMIN ALLEGES GUYANA WOULD JOIN OAS IF ASKED

1. I TOLD FONMIN WILLS DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON HIM THAT SINCE I ANTICIPATED POSTING TO OUR OAS DELEGATION I WAS INTERESTED IN GUYANA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD OAS. SPECIFICALLY, IF ARTICLE VIII WERE REMOVED AS US CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATED, WOULD GUYANA APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP?

2. WILLS RESPONDED THAT REMOVAL OF ARTICLE VII WOULD BE HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO GUYANA WHETHER THEY APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP OR NOT, SINCE IT WOULD REPRESENT VICTORY OVER VENEZUELAN EXCLUSION-ARY POLICY AND COULD REINFORCE GUYANA'S POSITION ON DISPUTED TERRITORY. HE CONTINUED THAT GUYANA WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY JOIN IF ELIGIBLE, THOUGH IT MIGHT WAIT SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER ARTICLE VIII REMOVAL BEFORE DOING SO. WILLS REASONED THAT OAS MEMBERSHIP WOULD PROVIDE GUYANA WITH AN IMPORTANT FORUM FOR PRESSURE ON VENEZUELA IN EVENT OF HOSTILE MOVES ON DISPUTED TERRITORY AND CITED OAS ROLE IN EL SALVADOR/HONDURAS CONFLICT. FURTHER MORE, WILLS SAID GUYANA'S GENERAL POLICY WAS TO JOIN AS MANY ORGANIZATIONS AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO PROTECT ITS TERRITORY AND PROMOTE ITS POSITION THROUGH WIDE EXPOSURE AND ACTIVE ROLE ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE. HE THOUGHT OAS WOULD BE NO EXCEPTION.

3. I QUERIED WHETHER CUBA'S ATTITUDE TO OAS AND GUYANA'S CLOSE  
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ASSOCIATION WITH CUBA MIGHT CAUSE IT TO HESITATE. WILLS SAID  
HESITATION WAS PROBABLY CORRECT WORD BUT HESITATION WOULD BE FOR

MAXIMUM PERIOD OF MONTHS NOT YEARS.

4. COMMENT: IN PRESENT SITUATION, I AM INCLINED TO TAKE WILLS'  
ASSERTION AT FACE VALUE, THOUGH FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TIES WITH  
CUBA COULD CHANGE THINGS.

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